Application No. 10/748,143 Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present amendment, is respectfully.

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. Claims 28 and 34 have been amended by the present amendment.

Claim 28 has been amended to be consistent with the preamble of the claim upon which it depends.

Claim 34 has been amended to positively recite means for performing the necessary steps in an apparatus claim.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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